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SUBJ: CCMS: INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTION ON ROAD SAFETY

REFS: A) HODSOLL/MCCLELLAND TELCON 10/18/73; BL HAGUE 4590

AND BONN 15041; C) PARIS 26912 D) LONDON 12004 E) COPENHAGEN

2570; F) STATE 202652

FOR URGENT DELIVERY AT OPENING OF BUSINESS OCT 19.

1. AS OF TODAY(OCT 18), WE PERCEIVE SUBSTANTIAL DIFFICULTY
WITH OBTAINING CCMS ADOPTION OCT 24 OF SUBJECT RESOLUTION CON-
TAINING QUANTITATIVE GOAL AS PRESENTLY FORMULATED IN PARA.

1(B). RESPONSE

TO REFTEL (F) INDICATES THAT DUTCH HAVE PROBABLY MADE POLICY

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DECISION TO NOT RPT NOT SUBSCRIBE TO QUANTITATIVE GOAL

(REFTEL B). AS RESULT OF REFS (A), WE HAVE LEARNED THAT GERMNA INTERMINISTERIAL POSITION TO BE SUBMITTED TO INTERIOR UNDER SECRETARY HARTKOPF IS TO DELETE PERCENTAGE, GERMANS, HOWEVER, HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY COULD ACCEPT ANY REASONABLE COMPROMISE WHICH TOOK THEIR VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT, AND LOOK TO US TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS IN THIS REGARD. DANES (REFTEL (E) INDICATE THEY CONTINUE TO OPPOSE ANY SPECIFIC PERCENTAGE REDUCTION IN TRAFFIC DEATH RATE; BUT FOREIGN OFFICE REP HAS INDICATED ON PERSONAL BASIS THAT POSSIBLE COMPROMISE MIGHT BE TO COMBINE PARAS 1(A) AND (B) TO THE EFFECT THAT NATIONS WOULD QUOTE USE THEIR BEST EFFORTS TO STABILIZE OR REDUCE OVER THE NEXT FIVE-YEAR PERIOD THE ABSOLUTE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC DEATHS ANNUALLY FOR EACH CLASS OF ROAD USER ON USER ON THEIR ROAD NETWORKS END QUOTE. UK, WHILE POSSIBLY AGGEEABLE TO SIMPLE RESERVATION ON QUANTITATIVE GOAL (REFTEL (D), REMAINS OPPOSED TO SUCH A GOAL IN PRINCIPLE. BELGIUM, WHICH HAS OTHER WISE BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF THE PRESENT RESOLUTION, MAY CHANGE ITS MIND IN LIGHT OF DUTCH POSITION. NORWAY IS EXPECTED TO OBJECT TO QUANTITATIVE GOAL.

2. ON THE OTHER HAND, FRANCE (REF C) CONTINUES ITS FIRM SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTION AS IT STANDS AND IS AGREEABLE TO COSPONSOR. FRANCE HAS RIGHT ALONG BEEN A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF OUR ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY AND A TOUGH RESOLUTION. FURTHER, WE HOPE THAT FRANCE WILL TAKE A LEADERSHIP POSITION IN ORGANIZING AN AD HOC GROUP TO FOLLOWUP ON PILOT STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS. OUR PRESENT READING IS THAT CANADA, GREECE, LUXEMBOURG AND PORTUGAL ARE ALSO IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION AS IS. WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM ITALY, ICELAND AND TURKEY, BUT WOULD EXPECT AT LEAST ITALY AND TURKEY TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF RESOLUTION AS IT PRESENTLY STANDS.

3. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, AND SHORTNESS OF TIME REMAINING PRIOR TO CCMS PLENARY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION OCT 24, WE HAVE DECIDED THAT BEST TACTIC IS TO CIRCULATE COMPROMISE ON OPERATIVE PARA 1 IMMEDIATELY. SINCE FRANCE (PARTICULARLY GERONDEAU) HAS SUPPORTED US CONSISTENTLY, WE WOULD LIKE PRIOR TO DISCUSSION WITH OTHER CAPITALS TO ASSURE THAT FRENCH AGREE WITH COMPROMISE. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO PROPOSE NEW LANGUAGE IN CONCERT WITH FRENCH AS JOINT COMPROMISE. THEREFORE, WE REQUEST THAT OTHER ACTION ADDRESSEES WAIT UNTIL EMBASSY PARIS HAS APPROACHED GERONDEAU IN THIS RESPECT. IT IS, NEVERTHELESS, OUR HOPE THAT PROPOSED NEW CONFIDENTIAL

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TEXT MIGHT BE CIRCULATED TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF ALL HOST GOVERNMENTS, HOPEFULLY BY COB OCTOBER 19.

4. FOR PARIS: REQUEST EMBASSY MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO DELIVER TEXT IN EARLY AM TO GERONDEAU, DISCUSS MATTER WITH HIM, DRAWING ON INFORMATTION CONTAINED PARAS 1 AND 2 AND HOPEFULLY SECURE HIS CONSENT TO U.S. ACTING ON BEHAF OURSELVES AND FRENCH IN TRYING TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT ON COMPROMISE TEXT.

REQUEST EMBASSY PARIS REPORT RESULTS BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM
TO ALL ACTION ADDRESSEES.

5. FOR ACTION ADDRESSEES OTHER THAN PARIS: REQUEST
EMBASSIES DELIVER TEXT OF COMPROMISE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
INFORMATION FROM PARIS IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS RECEIPT. POSTS
SHOULD EMPHASIZE URGENCY, AND OUR CONTINUED INTENTION TO
SEEK CCMS APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION. EVEN IF FRENCH DO NOT
REPEAT NOT WISH TO COSPONSOR COMPROMISE TEXT, OTHER POSTS
SHOULD PROCEED AS ABOVE IF FRENCH HAVE NO OBJECTION TO
PROPOSED SOLUTION.

6. COMPROMISE TEXT ELIMINATING SPECIFIC PERCENTAGE GOAL
PROVIDES FOR PREVENTING ANY INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL NUMBER
OF TRAFFIC DEATHS FOR EACH CLASS OF ROAD USER OVER THE
NEXT FIVE-YEAR PERIOD AND PROGRESSIVE REDUCTION OF SUCH NUMBER
THEREAFTER. TEXT CONTINUES TO PROVIDE FOR QUOTE GOAL UN-
QUOTE WHICH NATO COUNTRIES WOULD USE THEIR BEST EFFORTS
TO ACHIEVE. (FYI: WE ARE PICKING UP ON EXCELLENT SUGGESTION
OF BODENHAGEN IN DENMARK.) HOPEFULLY,
NEW TEXT WILL RESOLVE VARYING PROBLEMS WITH QUANTITATIVE
GOAL, WHILE PRESERVING IMPORTANT NATO COMMITMENT IN THIS
RESPECT.

7. COMPROMISE TEXT REPLACES PRESENT OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH
1 OF RESOLUTION. BEGIN TEXT

(1) DO HEREBY RESOLVE, AS A COMMON GOAL, TO USE
THEIR BEST EFFORTS TO PREVENT ANY INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL
NUMBER OF TRAFFIC DEATHS FOR EACH CLASS OF ROAD USER
ON THEIR ROAD NETWORKS OVER THE NEXT FIVE-YEAR PERIOD,
AND THEREAFTER TO REDUCE SUCH NUMBER PROGRESSIVELY. END
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